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Mission: To gather and share current research and resources with educators.

Teacher Shortage Loan Forgiveness Applications

Eligible teachers can receive up to \$1,000 per year in loan forgiveness for each year they teach in a teacher shortage area, subject to a maximum of \$3,000 in total loan forgiveness per recipient. The debt forgiveness program is available to North Dakota teachers who are teaching full-time at a public or private school that is approved by the Department of Public Instruction. Applicants must be teaching full-time with a teaching contract of at least nine months' duration, have a qualifying student loan, and be current on the payments to that loan.

The North Dakota University System (NDUS) handles debt forgiveness applications. The applications may be downloaded from the NDUS's website:

<http://ndus.edu/uploads/resources/6789/2016-teacher-shortage-loan-forgiveness-application.pdf>.

Requests for applications may be directed to the NDUS's office by phone: (701) 328-2906, email: NDFinAid@ndus.edu, or by regular mail: North Dakota University System, State Capitol Judicial Wing, Room 103, 600 E Blvd Ave, Dept 21, Bismarck, ND 58505-0602.

Applications will be accepted starting April 1, 2016 and ending at midnight May 16, 2016.

What is ReadyRosie?

ReadyRosie is an early education tool that is currently helping schools and communities across the nation deepen and scale their parent engagement efforts by leveraging the power of video modeling and mobile technology to meet and equip parents where they are. ReadyRosie has hundreds of brief videos in English and Spanish that model everyday interactions in familiar environments with real parents.

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Reading Foundational Skills Activities

Are you searching for easy to create reading activities for students in grades K-5? The Florida Center for Reading Research has numerous activities aligned to standards that are set up and ready to make and use in your classroom. These work well for small groups, centers, or home backpack activities.

<http://www.fcrr.org/studentactivities/01.htm>

What Do Parents Need To Know About High Quality Preschool?

Parents looking for good early care and education face a formidable challenge. We provide some helpful resources below, but ultimately parents have to spend time learning about any program they are considering – asking questions, observing, and thinking about whether it is the right fit for your individual child. Below are 10 BASIC QUESTIONS parents can ask and suggestions from NIEER faculty about the answers parents should look for.

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